## EAST STREET PROJECT LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONCEPT

## LANDSCAPING WITH HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

## THE TRAIN JOURNEY FROM BOSTON TO DEDHAM MAYBE FORGOTTEN - BUT NOW PRESERVED

To save historical artifacts is to preserve our heritage. The opportunity to reuse the hand hewed Dedham granite blocks from the East Street Bridge which was erected in 1886 is an example. It would have been tragic to have these granite blocks end up in some landfill.

The design concept and placement of these blocks along East Street is the story of the train tracks as the old 'Puffer Belly' locomotive made its way from Boston to Dedham.

The granite blocks represent the villages, houses & train stations on this journey.

The pear trees are the trees of the wooded areas and the tree lined shaded lanes.

The bright yellow of the daffodils awakens us to a new spring.

The spiraea with the early summer pink flowers alerts us to another growing season.

The yellow daisy-like flowers of the potentilla reflect the summer sun.

The various colored leaves of the hosta add color interest to our gardens.

The yellow-orange leaves of the heuchera, a new variety of coral bells of olden gardens.

The hills are alive with the sound of the buzzing bees & the colorful wings of the butterflys as they sip the nectar from the purple butterfly flowers.

The weaving grasses & lilies remind us of the plants of the rolling hills.

The green & yellow variegated leaves of the evergreen euonymus reminds us of this years long journey.

And alas! the telephone poles mark the demise of the old coal-steam engines as they 'rattled' along the now forgotten journey.

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## LIST OF PLANT MATERIAL

Pyrus 'Chanticleer' (Ornamental flowering pear tree)

Daffodil 'Tete-E-Tete'

Spiraea 'Gold Flame' (Ornamental deciduous flowering shrub)

Potentilla 'Gold Finger' (Ornamental deciduous flowering shrub)

Hosta 'Patriot' - 'Sagae' - 'Border Patrol' - 'Aphrodite' - 'Whirl Wind' - 'Gold Splash'

Heuchera 'Caramel' - (Coral Bells - Deciduous flowering perennial)

Buddleia 'Santana' (Butterfly bush -Deciduous flowering shrub)

Miscanthus - 'Little Zebra' (Zebra grass)

Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns' - 'Stella D'Oro' (Daylily)

Euonymus 'Blondy' - 'Gold Splash' - 'Moon Shadow' (Broadleaf evergreen shrub)